



October - Month of the Holy Rosary

First Friday Adoration



*Adoration
October 2nd at
7:00pm*

Help Wanted!

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All our choirs need new members, but our Saturday, 5:30 Mass needs volunteers the most. If you regularly attend the 5:30 Mass, please consider joining the choir. Practices are once a month with a run through before Mass. Contact Jackie Henderson, cjadm@aol.com

Gazebo Volunteers

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One Mass once or twice a month. 8am & 11am Mass only. If you are interested in helping out please contact Patrick Davis at 610-322-0857 or tpatrickdavis81@gmail.com
Here is a link to sign up:
[Gazebo Sign-Up](#)

Women's Ministry

The September 26 Day at the Flower Farm has been **rescheduled** to Saturday, October 10. Come, enjoy a beautiful day of faith, friendship, food, and flowers! Ladies of the parish are invited to our Women's Ministry Annual Picnic at the Brosemer Flower Farm! Look for the blue balloons marking the entrance to the Flower Farm.



Saturday, October 10
10:00 AM

Brosemer Flower Farm
3008 Winchester Rd NW
Huntsville, AL 35810

Bring your lawn chair, rosary, and a side dish or dessert to share, and come ready for a wonderful morning together. Sandwich trays are provided. Our parishioner, Mary Frances Brosemer, will show us the art of creating a beautiful flower arrangement to take home. Come gather with other ladies of the parish, enjoy the beauty of God's creation, pray the Rosary together under the big oak tree, and make memories that will last! We can't wait to see you there. Contact Liz Montgomery at 281-705-6697 or elizabeth35758@gmail.com if you have questions.

Fifty-Five Plus(55+) Event

OCTOBERFEST

Friday, October 16th @ 5:00 p.m.

Bratwurst and Drinks Provided

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share

We Need You - Saturdays With God

The **Buildings and Grounds (B&G) Ministry** meets every Saturday at 8:30 am at the Office Building to take care of all kinds of repairs, improvements, groundskeeping, etc. throughout all of the Church facilities. Presently, we have around 30+ active members, and **we are always looking for hidden talents.** The contact for this ministry is Manfred Segewitz, 256.527.2278 or manfseg@gmail.com.

SMV Online Parish Directory

Please add your family picture to our parish directory. You can download the app to your phone or access it from your PC.

iOS: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/instant-church-directory/id589542221>

Android: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.instantchurchdirectory.members&pcampaign=web_share

Create your account using this email and then view the directory. You can add your family picture and update information by tapping the Menu button in the top left of the main screen and select the Edit My Family option.

World Rosary Day, October 7th

Please join a multi-language **praying of the Rosary** on Wednesday, Oct 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Eucharist and praying the Rosary in a combination of English, German, French, Spanish, Korean and Malayalam (Fr. Jose's native language in India). Benediction will follow.



Blessing of the Pets

In honor of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, Fr. Jose and Dcn. Jeff will bless pets on Sunday, Oct. 4th following 12:30 p.m. Mass in the church courtyard.

You are welcome to bring your dogs, cats, turtles, whichever animals you keep as pets, for this blessing.

We invite you to also bring a donation for the Huntsville Animal Shelter: cat and dog treats; and/or used towels, blankets, and sheets.



Saint Frassati's Adventurers

Another Lake Day Adventure - October 10th, 2026! If you missed the first one, or you want to do it again, join us for another great adventure at Smith Lake in the Bankhead area. We will have another fun day at a lake house with a platoon boat, jet-ski, kayaks, canoe, swimming, and fellowship! Barbara Osborne has offered to host us again at her lake house, and she will be able to drive her boat for us.

It's an hour and a half from Huntsville, and we can carpool there. More details to come, but for now mark your calendars and let Julie Bury know if you are interested! She will follow up with the time, where to meet to carpool, address of lake house, and what to bring. Contact: Julie_Bury@yahoo.com

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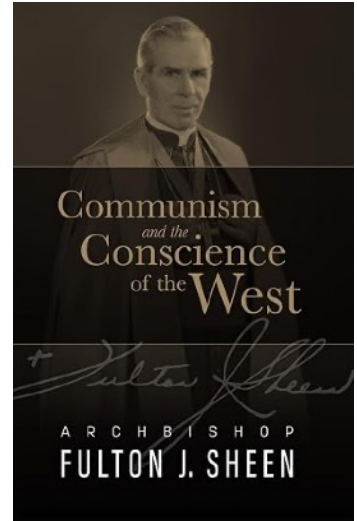
The two renovated restrooms in Treacy Hall will be available for use during the weekend Masses so that the waiting line for the restroom in the church narthex could be eliminated. One of the restrooms is wheelchair accessible.

Suggestions?

Please submit any suggestions or comments to improve the SMV Newsletter or items you would like to see in the newsletter to: visitationnews@gmail.com. If you have pictures of your ministry event or pictures from around the parish, those can be submitted along with a write-up if you choose to the same email above. Please send submissions by the 15th of the month to be included in the next newsletter.

St. Jerome's Book Club

Welcome Fall! It's time to start the next book for St. Jerome's Book Club! We will meet on Mondays, starting October 19th at 7p.m. in Visitation Hall. We will be reading "Communism and the Conscience of the West" by Blessed Archbishop Fulton Sheen.



For decades, this book has been recognized as the finest book ever written by a Catholic on the subject of communism. Sheen explains the problems with society stemming from socialism and communism, which continue to infect universities and political discourse today. This timeless book exposes communism's defects, its attitude toward the family, the decline of historical liberalism, and the rise of the anti-religious spirit that pervades our world. For anyone seeking to understand one of the greatest threats to the Faith and our world, *Communism and the Conscience of the West* will be your guide.

I will have a few books for purchase, or you can buy an electronic copy. Call/text if you have any questions: LuAnn @ 256-426-8898. Hope to see YOU starting October 19th at 7p.m. in Visitation Hall! Thank you!

October Saints & Observances

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| 1 - St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church | 16 - St. Hedwig, Religious |
| 2 - The Holy Guardian Angels | St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin |
| 5 - St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin | 17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr |
| Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest | 19 - Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs |
| 6 - St. Bruno, Priest | 20 - St. Paul of the Cross, Priest |
| Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin | 22 - St. John Paul II, Pope |
| 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary | 23 - St. John of Capistrano, Priest |
| 9 - St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs | 24 - St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop |
| St. John Leonardi, Priest | 28 - Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles |
| 14 - St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr | |
| 15 - St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church | |

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Pictures from Around the Parish

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On Tuesday, September 22nd, the Pro-life Ministry hosted guest speaker Leisa Nelson from Kids to Love. Kids to Love is a non-profit organization in Madison County that helps foster children and foster families in a 4-state region. Their facilities in Madison include a trauma counseling center, a warehouse of clothing, toiletries and household needs for child placements, a technical job training center and more. Another part of their ministry is Davidson farm, a home for girls between the ages of 8-18 and tiny homes for young women who have aged out of foster care. The pro-life ministry at SMV will look at ways we can help Kids to Love in the future.

The next Pro-life Ministry meeting will be October 27th at 6:30pm in Treacy Hall.



Mary, Mother of Life



When the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to tell her that she would conceive and bear a son, Mary responded with her fiat, “May it be done to me according to your word” (Lk 1:38). Mary conceives Christ in her womb, becoming the mother of God, the mother of Jesus. Jesus himself tells us that he is “the way and the truth and the life” (Jn 14:6). In becoming the mother of Jesus, Mary becomes the *mother of life*. Mary’s acceptance in this unforeseen moment demonstrates how each of us must welcome the gift of new human life, even when that gift is unexpected or calls us to make sacrifices.

Eve was called the “mother of all the living” (Gen 3:20). Unfortunately, her disobedience brought sin into the world. In contrast Mary, through her obedience to God, gives birth to our Salvation. Mary becomes the New Eve—the new mother of all the living. Her fiat gives us an example of perfect docility and cooperation with the will of God.

At the Annunciation, when Mary learns that her elderly cousin Elizabeth is six months pregnant, she travels in haste to visit Elizabeth, spending the next three months at her side, even while pregnant herself. In her selfless service to Elizabeth, the Blessed Mother perfectly models how we are called to accompany expectant mothers as they prepare to welcome new life into the world.

Mary’s role as the Mother of Life extends from the Annunciation all the way to the Crucifixion. On

Oh Mary, “Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life.”

Evangelium vitae

Calvary, Mary stands at the foot of the Cross with Saint John. The Gospel tells us: “When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, ‘Woman, behold, your son.’ Then he said to the disciple, ‘Behold, your mother.’ And from that hour the disciple took her into his home” (Jn 19:26-27).

With his final breaths on the Cross, Jesus entrusts Mary and the Beloved Disciple to one another, and by extension establishes a maternal relationship between Mary and the Church. Jesus’ words are addressed not only to Saint John, but to each one of us. In this moment, the physical mother of Jesus becomes the spiritual mother of the Church and all the faithful. Saint John goes on to take Mary into his home and cares for her as she advances in age, demonstrating our responsibility to continue our care for human life, from conception to natural death. Mary, who taught us how to nurture human life, becomes the recipient of that same honor and care.

The life of the Blessed Mother teaches us to respect each human life in every stage and circumstance. Mary is our model for upholding the sanctity of all human life. O Mary, “Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life.”¹

¹ Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, 105.

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PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR UPDATES TO THE CALENDAR

Month of the Holy Rosary—October 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
*EVERY SUNDAY (unless otherwise noted): Adult Faith Formation-9:30am/VH Nazareth House-11:30am/HFR OCIA-9:30am/TH Youth Faith Formation-9:30am/PH		C-Church FF-Faith Formation HFR-Holy Family Room K of C-Knights of Columbus O-Office PH-Parish Hall PPC-Parish Pastoral Council TH-Treacy Hall VH-Visitation Hall	Groceries Distributed Every Sunday Jefferson St. Parking Lot 12-1pm 	1 7:30am Confessions 8:00am Mass/Rosary 8:30am Ladies Sodality/ Nancy Kitchens, 256.527.7358 for location 6pm Men of St. Joseph/ HFR	2 7:30am Confessions 8am First Friday Mass/ Anointing 8:30am Lite Breakfast/VH 5:30pm Veterans' Ministry/PH 6:30pm Mass 7pm Adoration 8pm Young Adults/TH	3 4pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass
4 8am 9:30am OCIA/TH 11am Mass 12:30pm Mass 1:15pm Blessing of Pets NO Adult/Youth Faith Formation or Nazareth House	5 6:30pm Pro-Life Ministry/TH	6 7:30am Confessions 8:00am Mass/Rosary 6pm Catholic Daughters/TH 6pm Finance Council/O	7 World Rosary Day 7:30am Confessions 8:00am Mass/Rosary 10am Pray & Play/TH 5:30pm OCIA Dinner 6:00pm OCIA Class 7pm Rosary followed by Benediction/C; Int'l Finger Foods after/VH	8 7:30am Confessions 8:00am Mass/Rosary 6pm Men of St. Joseph/HFR 6:30pm St. Raphael Ministry/TH	9 7:30am Confessions 8:00am Mass/Rosary 8:30am Coffee Social/VH	10 10am Women's Ministry at Brosemer Flower Farm 11am Rocket City Regulators/PH 4pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass
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